HB 348 -- Kansas City School District Elections

Sponsor: Neth

This bill reduces the current nine-member Kansas City School District board to a seven-member board through attrition of the two at-large seats in the 2014 election. Beginning in 2014, elections for the board of directors must be held biennially on the primary election day in even-numbered years instead of on the municipal election day. Members will take office on August 28. The seven-member board will consist of one at-large member and a member from each of its six subdistricts. A candidate for a subdistrict seat must declare for a specific seat and reside in that subdistrict but will be elected by the voters of the entire district. If a vacancy on the school board occurs more than 105 days before the primary election, it will be filled by the appointment of a qualified person by the mayor of Kansas City.